

**TOWN OF SUPERIOR  
COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES  
NOVEMBER 30,2016**

**CALL TO ORDER**

Mayor Besich-Lira called meeting to order at 7:02 pm.

**ROLL CALL**

Mayor	Mila Besich-Lira
Vice Mayor	Olga Lopez
Councilmember	Gilbert Aguilar
Councilmember	Michael Alonzo
Councilmember	Stephen Estatico
Councilmember	John Tameron-Absent

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

Nathan Taylor, led everyone in the Pledge of Allegiance

**INVOCATION**

Chaplin Van Gorp gave the invocation

**STAFF PRESENT**

Town Manager	Todd Pryor
Town Attorney	Stephen Cooper
Police Department	Chief Neuss
Police Department	Commander Doran
Finance Clerk	Ruby Cervantes
Public Works	Supervisor Anthony Huerta
Deputy Town Clerk	Nora Miramon

**PUBLIC ATTENDANCE**

Jim Scmenck	Darril Delbridge
Jim Hodel	Sonia Estatico
Martin Navarrette	Theresa Sestiaga
Austin Navarrette	Nathan Taylor
Delores Hatfield	Steve Holmquist
Tom Spridgen	Shirley Holmquist
Nancy Vogler	Lori Gunn
Bill Vogler	David Gunn
Cathy Sommer	Cat Broen
Robert Sommer	Hank Gutierrez
Mark Rabago	Tina Gutierrez
Dee Rabago	

### **SPECIAL PRESENTATION**

- A. **Swearing in and Assumption of Office of Elected Council Members Bruce Armitage, Vanessa Navarrette, and Olga Lopez.** All candidates were sworn in by Town Manager, Todd Pryor
- B. **Copper Corridor Food Hub Project presentation.** Ms. Marvella is sick so the Mayor gave a couple of updates. The Copper Corridor Economic Development Coalition along with the Southern Gila County Economic Development Corporation are working on the Food Hub Project. They are having a kick off meeting here in Superior to connect all the vegetable growers, chicken growers in our area, growers and consumers on Thursday, January 19, 2017. There is another meeting, Growing the Business Community that we want and that meeting will be held on January 16, 2017.
- C. **Proclamation by Mayor Besich-Lira for the 2016 Spirit of Optimism Community Champion by the Superior Optimist Club.** This award was started about 10 years ago, to recognize member of our community young and old who are champions in our community. These individuals sometimes go unnoticed. This year we are recognizing the Superior Little League. They have several members of their crew and a lot of them are retiring. One of the reasons why they were chosen. This was an organization that about 10 years ago, was on the verge of dying. Because of the young new leaders, they have kept the league alive by investing their time, money and committed themselves to make keep the league alive. These individuals deserve to be recognized so today I have the honor to recognize and hand the Key to the Town to this organization. Mayor Besich-Lira read the Proclamation and handed a certificate to each member present. Also, Teresa Sestiaga will not be retiring and is the new President of the League. Martin Navarrette-We could not do what we do for the Little League if it wasn't for the support of the community. We appreciate the community, family, friends. He is very proud of what they have been able to accomplish there. We have a great group we all put in a lot of time a lot of vacations that were put on hold and time away from your family. Thank you to all the members and to the community.

### **STAFF REPORTS**

**Mayor-** She apologized for not getting a written report. Todd, Councilmember Armitage and Mayor met with Resolution in regards to potential use of the Magma Arizona Railroad. We have had consultation with the Forest Service regarding the Apache Leap management district. The Forest Service will be making a formal presentation to council in January. We have met with ADOT regarding the lighting along the US 60 unfortunately we will not be able to afford LED lighting. The project is moving forward and ADOT will also be coming in January before council for a update. We will be hosting the MANAGERS meeting, where the surrounding managers will get together and compare notes. Mayor Besich-Lira asked Mr. Diego Ortega from RCC to come forward and share the Resolution Copper updates. Mr. Ortega stated he is here to give the council an update of what is going on with Resolution Copper and to thank the council. There are some leadership changes with RCC. The first one is the new project director. Mr. Andrew Lye is the new project director. He is Australian and he has 20 plus years of experience working in mining. He went on to do a small bio on Mr. Lye. He also, would like to thank Andrew Taplin for all his contribution to this project. He stated he pleased and proud to share all the new opportunities with the council. Andrew Lye, he met with the Mayor and a couple of Councilmembers to discuss what Resolution plans to do moving forward. He plans on being a good neighbor and expects if there are any concerns please feel free to contact him.

Mayor Besich-Lira, stated she is sure everyone has noticed the Christmas lights. They have been refurbished and they look great. We want to thank public works for making that happen. It was more cost effective to refurbish the old ones, new decorations are very very expensive.

### **CONSENT AGENDA**

**Pursuant to Section 2-4-6 (D), matters listed under the Consent Calendar are considered to be routine and will be enacted by one motion and one vote. Prior to consideration of the Consent Agenda, the Mayor will ask whether any members of the Council request any item be removed from the Consent Agenda for separate discussion.**

1. Minutes of Special Meeting on November 16, 2016
2. Addendum for Privacy and Security of Protected Health Information with JP Morgan Chase concerning HIPPA requirements for the Ambulance Billing Lockbox.
3. Special Event Use Permit – The Kennecott Exploration Company is requesting a permit for a Non-invasive Geophysical Study at the Superior Airport.
4. Special Event Use Permit – The Superior Chamber of Commerce is requesting an event permit for the Home Tour and Antique Show on January 28th & 29th.
5. Alcohol Beverage Permit – The Superior Chamber of Commerce is requesting an alcohol permit for the Home Tour and Antique Show on January 28th & 29th.
6. Special Event Use Permit – The Superior Chamber of Commerce is requesting an event permit for the Apache Leap Mining Festival on March 17th thru the 19th.
7. Alcohol Beverage Permit – The Superior Chamber of Commerce is requesting an alcohol permit for the Apache Leap Mining Festival on March 17th thru the 19th.
8. Alcohol Beverage Permit – VFW Post 3584 is requesting an alcohol permit for the New Year's Eve.
9. Special Event Use Permit – The Superior Optimist Club is requesting an event permit for the Miracle on Main Street on December 3rd.
10. Authorization of Town Council to allow Town Manager to approve on behalf of the Town Council Special event liquor licenses, events and uses of Town property for Christmas and New Year's events due to no Town Council Meeting in December
11. Department Reports
  - Fire
  - Police
  - Public Works
  - Library
  - Senior Center
  - Magistrate Court
  - Sanitation
  - Town Engineer

Councilmember Estatico question, we have asked Judge Bravo to come before us several times and we still have not had him here to discuss his report, can we get him here sometime in the new year?

Response Town Manager, he spoke to Judge Bravo and he has promised a letter regarding the special court fees and should be at the meeting where we will discuss these

things. Councilmember Estatico stated we are also going to discuss code enforcement as well. Mr. Pryor requested direction from the Mayor to put that on the next agenda as work session. Mayor gave direction to put this item on the agenda for the next meeting in a work session format.

**Motion to approve consent agenda made by Councilmember Alonzo, second by Vice Mayor Lopez, motion carries.**

### **NEW BUSINESS**

- A. Discussion/Possible Approval of Presentation and Acceptance of Fiscal Year 2014-2015 Audit by Hinton and Burdick. Presentation from Hinton and Burdick, some questions from audience to auditors.  
Councilmember Aguilar, we can spend our HURF funds, does any of that HURF fund have to go back into that debt? Response from Hinton & Burdick rep., depending on the on the structure of that debt, HURF funds, HURF funds have to be used specifically for the streets.  
**Motion to approve presentation and accept fiscal year 2014-2015 audit by Hinton & Burdick by Councilmember Estatico, second Councilmember Aguilar, motion carries**
- B. Discussion/Possible Approval of Notice of Intention to adopt new rates, fees, and charges for wastewater utility services as a public record, and setting January 30, 2017 at 6 pm at Superior Town Hall, for a public hearing on the proposed new rates, fees and charges. There are three options presented for discussion. These options would generate the following the following average yearly impact for the next 5 years, in order; no fiscal impact if nothing done, \$215,532 per year addition revenue for an immediate increase, and \$130,638 per year for a phased increase.  
**Motion to Table item Notice of Intent to adopt new rates, fees, and charges for wastewater utility services as a public record, and setting January 30, 2017 at 6 pm at Superior Town Hall, for a public hearing on the proposed new rates, fees and charges made by Vice Mayor Lopez, second Councilmember Navarrette, motion carries.**
- C. Discussion/Possible Approval of Zoning Update Authorization for Services with Willdan Engineering to update the Zoning Map, complete Zoning Ordinance text revisions, and to update the Planning and Zoning Forms, procedures and fee schedules.  
The complexity of our current zoning code make it difficult and expensive to navigate. By creating checklists and simplified application processes, we should make it possible for a member of the public with little or no experience to work through our application process. Our zoning code should encourage responsible growth, and should unnecessarily hinder it.  
**Motion to approve Zoning Update Authorization for Services with Willdan Engineering to update the Zoning Map, complete Zoning Ordinance text revisions and to update the Planning and Zoning Forms, procedures and fee schedules made by Vice Mayor Lopez, second Councilmember Armitage, motion carries.**
- D. Discussion/Possible Approval of Police Department Standard Operating Policies: 100 - Law Enforcement Authority, 101 – Chief Executive Officer, 102 – Oath of Office, 103 – Policy Manual, and 319 – Conduct. These policies were prepared to create guidelines for police department operations. These policies were reviewed by the Town Attorney. The first four are administrative the last one covers the department disciplinary policy. Mayor

Besich-Lira recommends council table this item. She would like for all councilmember everyone to take their time to review this item it is a large packet and we could work with the Chief if we have any questions. We can bring this item back for approval in January.  
**Motion to Table the approval of Police Department Standard Operating Polices 100-103 and 319 by Councilmember Alonzo, second Councilmember Aguilar, motion carries.**

- E. Discussion/Possible Approval of the purchase of an ambulance for the Superior Fire Department through state contract pricing. The fire department has done a thorough study through its Specification Committee, and they have produced the attached specification. The Specification has been approved by the PSRG, and the Emergency Services Committee.

Mr. Pryor, this was a state contract purchase so this did not have to go out to bid. The payment for this is not due till delivery.

Councilmember Alonzo, this was part of the Emergency Funds Agreement. That took us forever to get the agreement. He wanted to recognize Dave Richins for helping us get through this and putting this contract together. Things have moving right along since then. Thank you, Dave, we really appreciate it.

Mayor echoed everything Mr. Alonzo said but included thank you to Mr. Alonzo. He was very instrumental in getting this agreement done.

**Motion to approve the purchase of an ambulance for the Superior Fire Department through state contract pricing made by Councilmember Alonzo, second by Vice Mayor Lopez, motion carries.**

- F. Discussion/Possible Appointment of Applicant for the Emergency Services Committee for the current open position of community member. The Emergency Services Agreement requires that the Council appoint a community member to the Committee. Mr. Rabago has been the only applicant to the position, and his experience with the Mesa Fire Fleet and being and EVT responsible for the maintenance of our fire apparatus makes him well suited to the role. Councilmember Navarrette wanted to have clarification if there would be a conflict of interest since Mr. Rabago is her relative from the Town Attorney. Mr. Cooper. Mr. Cooper clarified and explained there is no conflict.  
**Motion to appoint Mr. David Rabago to the Emergency Services Committee for the current open position of community member made by Councilmember Armitage, second by Vice Mayor Lopez, motion carries.**

- G. Discussion/Possible Approval of Mayor's designation of Vice Mayor as required in Town Code Section 2-2-2. At the first meeting of the Council, following the general election, the Mayor, with council approval, shall designate one of the Council member as Vice Mayor, who shall serve as the pleasure of the Council. The Vice Mayor shall have the powers to perform the duties of the Mayor during his/her absence or disability. Mayor stated she has put much thought into this decision. She has spoken to Vice Mayor Lopez and appreciates all that she has done in the capacity of Vice Mayor and as a member of the community. This year has been difficult year for Vice Mayor Lopez and has never failed to perform her duties. In saying that this decision took a lot of thought and consideration. Mayor asked for a motion, she would like to nominate Councilmember Alonzo as Vice Mayor.

**Motion to accept Mayor Besich-Lira nomination Mr. Alonzo as Vice Mayor, second by Councilmember Lopez, motion carries.**

Councilmember Lopez, has served on the Council for 13 years and was very hesitant running for reelection and her family did not want her to run. Every time there is a major turnover on the board, it is challenging and she has enjoyed her years on the board. She is happy that Michael is the Vice Mayor and she knows we are headed in the right direction. Vice Mayor Alonzo, Councilmember Lopez stated she has been Vice Mayor for a very long time and these are big shoes to fill. He is looking forward to the challenges. This doesn't change any rules it is just a title change. We will continue to do the work we have doing.

- H. Discussion/Possible Approval of Resolution 16 – 566, A Resolution of the Town Council of the Town of Superior, Pinal County, Arizona Prescribing Standards of Financial Disclosure for Local Elected Officials. Legislative session, H.B. 2429 (Laws 2016 /Ch, 196) amended the financial disclosure statement that is required for candidates and public officers. The primary change was a new category on the statement that requires reporting of certain travel-related expenses, which when reported are exempt as as “gift” under the law. The law no longer requires the specific names of the public officer’s spouse or children to be included if a general description is provided.

**Motion to approve Resolution 16-566, A resolution of the Town Council of the Town of Superior, Pinal County, Arizona Prescribing Standards of Financial Disclosure for Local Elected Officials made by Vice Mayor Alonzo, second by Councilmember Navarrette, motion carries.**

### **CALL TO THE PUBLIC**

Pam Rabago, she requested the Council think about putting the Call to the Public back at the begging of the meetings. She is not sure why it was changed, the way it is now the public does not have a voice until the items on the agenda have been voted on and that does not seem fair.

### **SUMMARY OF CURRENT EVENTS**

Councilmember Estatico, just want to remind everyone, next Tuesday is a change in the School Board Meetings. The meeting is on Wednesday and it will be on Tuesday to accommodate the JFK Christmas play. It will be in the gymnasium at 6:00 pm. Congratulations to Vanessa and Bruce and to everyone else that is staying on the board and Merry Christmas everybody.

Councilmember Lopez, welcome aboard to Vanessa Navarrette and Bruce Armitage and happy holidays.

Councilmember Aguilar, congratulations to both candidates and welcome to the board.

Councilmember Armitage, congratulations to Vice Mayor Alonzo, thank you to Councilmember Lopez for all of her service. Merry Christmas and Happy New Year to everybody.

Vice Mayor Alonzo, congratulations to Vanessa and Bruce and Olga in her reelection. Happy Holidays.

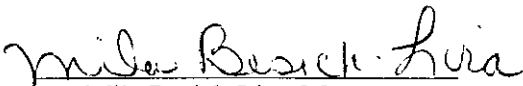
Mayor Besich-Lira, Welcome to the community Mr. Andrew Lye looking forward to working with you and establishing a good working relationship. Just a reminder 2<sup>nd</sup> Fridays are getting better and getting bigger. They will be having a ugly sweater contest next week.

**SCHEDULING OF MEETINGS AND EVENTS**

Regular Council Meeting, January 12, 2016, 7 p.m.  
Work session @ 6:00 pm

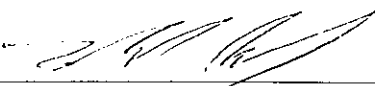
**ADJOURNMENT**

Mayor called for adjournment of meeting.  
Motion to adjourn meeting made by Councilmember Estatico, second by Councilmember Lopez, motion passes. Meeting adjourned at 8:40 pm.

  
Mila Besich-Lira, Mayor

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Stephen Cooper, Town Attorney

  
Todd Pryor, Town Manager